

## House Resolution No. 4423

**Whereas**, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Nick Cannon, star of the movies Drumline and Roll Bounce, who will serve as a celebrity panelist for the 2007 State Farm Gear Up Student and Parent Leadership Summit to be held August 18, 2007 at America's Center in Downtown St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, Nick Cannon will serve as a Gear-Up panelist along with his father, James Cannon, and other local and national personalities; and

**Whereas**, sponsored by the Missouri Black Expo, the State Farm Gear Up Student and Parent Leadership Summit invites more than 6,000 ninth grade students and their parents to participate in the education leadership summit designed to inspire enhanced student learning and parental involvement and guidance; and

**Whereas**, the largest African American Empowerment event in the State of Missouri for the past sixteen years, the Missouri Black Expo sponsors the three-day event which features hundreds of local and regional African American entrepreneurs showcasing their businesses as well as participation by local and national artists, musicians, authors, agencies, athletes, and major corporations; and

**Whereas**, Nick Cannon is a twenty-six year-old actor, writer, comedian, director, and performing artist who is most well known for his roles in Drumline, Love Don't Cost a Thing, Roll Bounce, and MTV's Wild N' Out; and

**Whereas**, Nick Cannon is also the Founder of The Nick Cannon Youth Foundation, which inspires young men to aim for creative success while maintaining a positive lifestyle:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in welcoming Nick Cannon to the City of St. Louis for the Gear-Up Student and Parent Leadership Summit and to the Show-Me State; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Nick Cannon, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative John L. Bowman, Sr.  
District No. 70

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4423, adopted August 13, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker